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SUBJECT: SPECIAL UNESCO COMMITTEE OF GOV EXPERTS

ON STATUS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORKERS,

PARIS, APRIL 23-30, L974

1. SUBJECT MEETING OPENED TODAY BY UNESCO DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOBES WHO INTRODUCED SECRETARIAT'S TEXT OF DRAFT RECOMMENDATION (DOC. SC/MD/4L, ANNEX III) AND DESCRIBED TASK BEFORE GROUP AS "DELICATE, INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT." HE REGRETTED THAT LDC'S NOT WELL REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING, I.E. L6 OF TOTAL 34 MEMBER STATES IN ATTENDANCE.

2. NOMINATED BY JAPAN, ALIREZA MEHRAN, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND PLANNING INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND EDUCATION OF IRAN WAS ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN. HUNGARY AND IVORY COAST ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIRMEN AND U.K. AS RAPPORTEUR. ALL ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION AND WILL SERVE AS BUREAU OF MEETING.

3. AT JAPAN'S SUGGESTION, SECONDED BY U.S., PROVISIONAL AGENDA AMENDED TO INCLUDE NEW ITEM 7: "GENERAL DEBATE," UNCLASSIFIED

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TO ALLOW PARTICIPANTS TO STATE THEIR GENERAL POSITIONS

ON DRAFT TEXT.

4. THIS PROVED VERY USEFUL SINCE DEBATE, IN WHICH SOME L4 COUNTRIES TOOK PART, CLEARLY INDICATED GENERAL PREFERENCE FOR MUCH SHORTER VERSION OF DOCUMENT WHICH SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO "LEGISLATE" WHAT SCIENTIFIC WORKERS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT DO.

5. US EXPERT (GRUNER) MADE BRIEF STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF POSITION PAPER POINTING OUT THAT US WILL SUBMIT SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS WHEN PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH DISCUSSION GETS UNDER WAY (TEXT AIRPOUCHED TO IO/UNESCO). OUR POINTS WERE ECHOED BY FRANCE, U.K. AND JAPAN. NOTEWORTHY STATEMENT BY SOVIET EXPERT (PROF. A.P. SHECANOV OF USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES) STRESSING THAT DOCUMENT SHOULD "DEFEND ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC WORKERS."

6. DRAFTING COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF U.S., FRANCE, SPAIN AND USSR TO REFLECT 4 WORKING LANGUAGES OF ORGANIZATION. ITS TASK IS PURELY EDITORIAL. IT WILL CONFORM IN THE WORKING LANGUAGES SUBSTANTIAL DECISIONS MADE BY THE PLENARY.

7. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH UK, JAPAN, AND FRENCH EXPERTS, US EXPERTS DECIDED NOT TO INTRODUCE SEPARATE TEXT CONTAINED IN ANNEX L OF POSITION PAPER. IT WAS CONSENSUS OF THESE EXPERTS THAT INTRODUCTION OF OUR TEXT AT THIS LATE MOMENT WOULD BE RECEIVED ADVERSELY BY OTHER EXPERTS, AND ANTAGONIZE THE SECRETARIAT. US EXPERTS ARE CONTINUING TO CONSULT WITH OTHERS, AND HAVE RECEIVED ASSURANCES OF WILLINGNESS FROM UK, JAPAN AND FRG EXPERTS TO COORDINATE INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS TO UNESCO TEXT, WHICH WE HOPE WILL YIELD A MORE SIMPLIFIED AND NARROW TEXT.
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